

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: D. Blair, Councillor
M. Byron, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor

Administration: R. Burkard, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
K. Greig, Deputy CAO – Corporate
S. Motkaluk, Deputy CAO – Operations
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
J. Callahan, Administrative Assistant
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Recorder/Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Reports

1. Fort McMurray Airport Expansion Project

D'arcy Elliott, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Part 9 Corporations, was in attendance and provided an overview of the Fort McMurray Airport Expansion project. He noted that the current airport facility has exceeded its design capacity. The Fort McMurray Airport Commission is requesting an increase of \$10M in total allowable debt funding for the expansion, from the \$100M approved by Council in 2007. Administration is recommending approval of the \$10M as an additional contingency for provision of cost escalation and unanticipated costs that may arise from the revised airport plans. Additional conditions attached to this recommendation should ensure proper cost control over the project.

D'arcy Elliott responded to questions and addressed concerns from Council with respect to changing the scope of the project, costs to purchase Crown land, parking at the new airport, and a new hotel.

08-261 Moved by Councillor Allen:

1. That the Fort McMurray Airport Commission be authorized to incur up to \$110M in total allowable debt funding for the revised Airport Expansion project plan consisting of a new Air Terminal Building on the south side of the airport property with expanded parking, without a second runway, under the following conditions:
 - A. That this funding represents an absolute ceiling on debt funding for the project;
 - B. That the project funding cover all costs of the expansion, including those associated with municipal infrastructure for offsite improvements, roads and utilities additions, changes and upgrades required by the Municipality or Province;
 - C. That Administration work with the Commission to apply to the Provincial Government to acquire adjacent lands required for the expansion; and
 - D. That Administration and the Commission form an oversight working committee, funded by the Commission, to monitor, provide advice and report on project management standards and practices for the project, reporting its results to Council and to the Board of the Commission regularly.
2. That Resolution #07-332, passed by Council on August 28, 2007, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

08-262 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer